Amount spent on food subsidy

3064. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent as food subsidy for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise;

(b) the total amount spent on food subsidies for poor for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of the criteria adopted for the identification of families Below Poverty Line and Above Poverty Line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) The total amount of food subsidy released by the Government of India year-wise and category-wise during the last three years is given as Statement (*See* below). The foodgrains are issued at subsidized rates to various States and Union Territories, and there is no direct release of subsidy in cash to the State Governments, except in the case of State Governments who themselves undertake procurement.

(b) The subsidy to the poor is released under the BPL category of the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and AAY scheme, details of which year-wise, category-wise and State-wise are given in the annexure.

(c) The poverty line is defined as the per capita consumption expenditure level, which meets the average per capita daily requirement of 2400 K Calories in rural areas and 2100 K Calories in urban areas alongwith a minimum of non-food expenditure.

Statement

Total amount of food subsidy released by Govt., year-wise and category-wise

(Rs. in crore)

Category	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
BPL	4446.18	5086.41	6336.21
AAY	0.000	1130.66	2640.95
APL	0.00	457.90	923.90
Food for Work	113.97	1799.03	56.35
Mid-day meal	374.13	1130.51	1221.14
Defence	10.76	23.12	27.04

Category	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Open Sale	120.55	616.10	1206.23
Export	1213.00	1368.37	5742.69
Arrears	1498.66	0.00	0.00
Others	0.00	0.00	48.84
Buffer Carying Cost	4232.75	5881.90	5973.10
TOTAL	12010.00	17494.00	24176.45

Number of FCI godowns and foodgrains stored

†3065. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of FCI godowns in the country alongwith the States where they are located at;

(b) whether Government are aware of the details of the foodgrains and quantum thereof stored in these godowns;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are considering to construct any new godown of FCI in the country; and

(e) if so, the States where these godowns are proposed to be constructed alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) The total number of Food Corporation of India (FCI) godowns in the country as on 30.6.2003 are 1733 (Owned and Hired/ Covered and CAP) and the stocks of foodgrains stored in these godowns is 17.22 million tonnes. State-wise details are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(d) to (e) The FCI constructs the godowns at various locations in the States/UTs taking into account the storage needs based on inflow and outflow of foodgrains in a particular area. The construction programme of FCI depends on the availability of resources.

During the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002—2007) the FCI proposes to create storage capacity of 6.42 lakh tonnes all over the country. During the current Annual Plan (2003-04) the FCI proposes to create storage

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.